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FRENCH AND GERMAN ELECTIONS.  
TUGGLES WITH DATES.  
MOVEMENT FOR THE KAISER'S RETURN.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 31.  
Interest is deepening in the forthcoming  
elections in Germany and France. The latter are  
fixed for November 5, a week later than the  
German elections, that the date was deliberately  
chosen as it is expected reactionary successes in  
Germany will influence the French electors in



Gustav Stresemann

Poincaré's favour.  
It is significant  
in this regard that  
the programme of  
the German People's  
Party drawn up at a  
meeting at Hanover,  
presided over by  
Herr Stresemann,  
declares that the  
party will fight  
under the old black,  
white and red  
colours and hopes  
for a restoration of  
German power and  
greatness under a  
democratic  
monarchy.

It is noteworthy  
that while Herr  
Stresemann is an-  
nouncing his sup-  
port of a monarchical  
programme, the Chan-  
cellor, Herr Marx,  
speaking at Hanover  
declared that a  
victory for the Chauvinistic nationalist movement  
at the elections would rule Germany.

PARIS, March 31.  
In the Chamber of Deputies M. Poincaré in a  
Ministerial declaration, said the Cabinet had been  
formed in a spirit of Republican union and  
national concord.  
He was determined to pursue unflinchingly  
the late Government's foreign policy.  
France would only withdraw from the Ruhr  
in proportion as Germany fulfilled her obligations.  
France was very desirous of the earliest  
possible agreement with the Allies and associates  
on reparations security.

Immediately the experts handed in their report,  
which the Government strongly hopes will lead to  
a speedy general settlement, the Government  
would be ready to seek with its friends the  
elements of a definitive solution.

Any power subsequently seeking to disturb  
European order and recover lost provinces would  
arouse universal indignation and those who barred  
the road would earn the approval of the whole world.  
France was not imperialistic and given the  
peace to which she was entitled France would  
march with the right toward the new sun of which  
the long-delayed rising was awaited feverishly by  
the world.

At home the Government's main task would be  
drastic financial reform.

M. Poincaré said the new Government would  
continue its predecessors' policy for the restoration  
of the devastated regions but there must not be  
any inflation since until France had agreed with  
her creditors the situation would require prudent  
handling. The Government would take steps to  
prevent a repetition of the recent campaign against  
France. Her colonial policy would be to develop  
the wealth of France's overseas possessions.  
M. Poincaré's statement had a lukewarm reception  
in both Houses.

## WEST INDIES CABLE

LONDON, March 31.  
The House of Commons unanimously passed a  
resolution sanctioning expenditure not exceeding  
£400,000 to form a loan for a period of 30 years to  
provide a system of all-British cable and wireless  
communication with the West Indies and British  
Guiana under the control of the Pacific Cable  
Board, replacing the agreement with the West India  
Panama Telegraph Company expiring in 1924,  
under which the State paid a subsidy of £26,000 a  
year.

## EMPIRE EXHIBITION DELAY

## BUILDERS' LIGHTNING STRIKE

LONDON, March 31.  
A mass meeting of the building operatives at  
the Empire Exhibition have declared an unofficial  
lightning strike to enforce a claim for an increase  
of 2d. an hour. Over 7,000 men are involved.

## HOME BOXING

LONDON, April 1.  
At the National Sporting Club in the 20-rounds  
British fly-weight championship, Billy Clark  
(Glasgow) beat Kid Kelly (Plymouth), the referee  
stopping the fight in the 20th round.

## STRIKE FINALLY OVER

LONDON, March 31.  
The tramwaymen's strike accepted the terms

## CONTEMPT OF THE SENATE. CHARGES AGAINST SINCLAIR.

## REFUSING TO GIVE EVIDENCE

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 31.  
The oil magnate Sinclair has been indicted on  
ten counts of contempt in consequence of his  
refusal to give evidence before the Senate oil  
committee.  
Each count relates to a specific question put to  
Sinclair before the committee which the Federal  
Grand Jury held to be pertinent.  
Sinclair's attorneys indicate that he will  
voluntarily answer the charges.  
[Sinclair refused to answer questions put to him  
by the Senate committee investigating the oil  
scandal, preferring to reserve his testimony for the  
courts.]

## EXPERT CHESS.

## FIRST HALF OVER.

## DR. LASKER'S LEAD.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, April 1.  
At the end of the first half of the chess tourna-  
ment and the conclusion of the eleventh round the  
scores stand as follows:—Dr. Lasker 7½ points,  
Alekhine 6½, Capablanca and Reti 6 apiece,  
Tartakower, Bogoljubow, Maroczy and Marshall  
5 apiece, Janowski 3½, Edward Lasker 3, and  
Yates 2½.

## FORCED TO DESCEND.

## WORLD AVIATOR DELAYED.

## WAIT FOR SPARE PARTS.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 31.  
A message from Corfu states that Squadron  
Leader MacLaren, the British aviator who is flying  
around the world, landed at Gorizia Lake in the  
south end of Corfu on Sunday afternoon through  
engine trouble.  
He telephoned the British consul that no  
assistance was required and that he hoped to  
continue the flight on Monday morning.

CORFU, March 31.  
The damage to MacLaren's engine prevents the  
continuance of the flight before spare parts tele-  
graphed for arrive from England.  
The passengers are well.  
[An earlier cable stated that MacLaren was  
compelled to descend on Lake St. Matthew at  
Corfu. Nobody was injured, but the machine was  
slightly damaged. He will continue the flight,  
after making repairs.]

## NATIONAL FINANCES.

INCOME £49,000,000 LESS.

LONDON, March 31.  
The United Kingdom's revenue for the fiscal  
year ended March 31, was £837,000,000 compared  
with £914,900,000 last year.  
The decrease was chiefly accounted for by  
£49,000,000 in property, income tax, and super tax.  
The expenditure chargeable against revenue  
was £789,000,000 last year and £812,000,000 the  
previous year.

## THE PUBLIC PAYS.

## HIGHER FREIGHT RATES.

LONDON, March 31.  
The Hull shipowners announce a general in-  
crease of 7½ per cent in freight rates to meet the  
increased pay of the dockers and additional work-  
ing expenses abroad.

## BOAT RACE TRIALS.

LONDON, March 31.  
Oxford rowed from Hammersmith Bridge to  
the Mile Post in 2mins. 53 2/5secs, beating the  
Cambridge record of 2.54 made in 1911.  
Cambridge's latest full course trial from Putney  
to Mortlake took 19.51 in fairly good conditions.

## BACK FROM SQUIET JAIL.

ROME, March 31.  
The Vatican has been informed that Monsignor  
Gioplak whom the Soviet authorities released from  
prison has left for Rome.

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# INTIMATIONS.

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## NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY the 10th day of April, 1924, at 12:00 Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Half-year ended on the 31st December 1923, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th to the 10th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1924.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

WE, THE SHUN TAI S.S. CO. (HONGKONG) LTD. of 114, Wing Lok Street, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of change of Ownership, we have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 in respect of the ship "NIPSI" of Manila, Official number 153537 of gross tonnage 2163.19 tons, register tonnage 1296.77 tons, heretofore owned by MADRIGAL & CO. of Manila for the permission to change her name to "BORNEO" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by THE SHUN TAI S.S. CO. (HONGKONG) LTD.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong, within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

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(Signed) PANG KOKSUI,  
Secretary.

## PUBLIC DINNER

to  
Mr. William Ross-Davies, K.C.

It is proposed that a dinner should be given by the Foreign Community in honour of the departing Chief Justice at the Hong Kong Hotel, on Saturday, 12th April, at 8 p.m.

Gentlemen wishing to be present should notify on or before 4th April, their intention to Colonel Robertson, Hong Kong Club, who will supply all particulars.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1924.

## NOTICE.

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## "AT. AT. LLOYDS."

## ROMANCE OF INSURANCE.

## "THE COFFEE HOUSE."

I wonder what visions that world-famous name, Lloyd's, brings to the mind of the average man. Be he in Australia, the Far East, America, or Europe, he has heard of it, and knows generally speaking that it has something to do with insurance or shipping, but beyond that his knowledge does not extend, and so the present writer hopes that, in some small degree, this short article will indicate the composition and functions of this unique and honoured institution writes "alliance" in the Sydney Sun.

During the 17th century, the merchants of England were beginning to venture forth into all quarters of the then known and unknown world, sometimes preceding and sometimes following our soldiers, sailors, and explorers, and were beginning to bring strange and unknown merchandise to London for sale, returning with the products of civilisation for barter.

Somewhere about 1696 one called Lloyd, a coffee-house-keeper in London, seeing that no one ever knew where our ships were or when they were or when they were going to sail or return, conceived the idea of publishing a small news-sheet, showing, as far as he could discover, the movements of the ships of England and any other mercantile news of interest, and so naturally to Lloyd's coffee-house began daily to congregate the merchants and ship-owners of the nation. In due course came the Marine Insurance Under-writers. Up to this time all the underwriting had been done by private individuals, but owing to gambling in insurance beginning to become very prevalent, these men formed themselves, in 1770, into "Lloyd's" at the coffee-house, and were very particular as to whom they allowed to underwrite there, only men of the highest repute being admitted.

## FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS.

This was the seed from which has grown the enormous tree of Public Service known throughout the world as Lloyd's of London. From that one-page inaccurate sheet, printed by Lloyd, the Coffee House Keeper, as a means of attracting patrons, has grown the present day Shipping Intelligence published daily, containing the concise and accurate news of the shipping of the world; and the small community of men who commenced to share the risks of our pioneers, and so help in the expansion of trade, has through more than two centuries grown into the present great and powerful insurance institution.

Lloyd's, as at present constituted, was incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1871, and is housed in the Royal Exchange in the centre of the city of London, opposite the Bank of England. The whole business is controlled by a chairman and committee elected by the members, and there are about 800 of them, some underwriting and others non-underwriting. Lloyd's have the classification and registration of almost every vessel afloat of 100 tons and over, both British and foreign. The restrictions regarding the standard which a ship must attain before being classed as "AT" at Lloyd's are very stringent, and any ship so classed in "Lloyd's Annual Register" can be regarded as absolutely first-class in all respects.

Another part of this branch deals with the happenings of the world's shipping daily. To obtain this information, and to look after the interests of the institution abroad, agencies have been placed in every port of standing throughout the world, and these agencies keep Lloyd's promptly and accurately supplied by cable with all information pertaining to shipping and any other happenings which may be of interest, such as fires, earthquakes, &c.

## HOW LLOYDS OPERATES.

The second and main branch deals with marine insurance. There are somewhere about 100 underwriting members who assemble daily in "The Room" to transact their world-wide insurance business. Each underwriter writes for his syndicate—that is, to say, he has as many "names" of non-underwriting members in his syndicate as he can obtain. He takes all the responsibility for writing risks in their names, and at the end of the year, when the underwriters' accounts are made up, each member of the syndicate shares in the profit or loss, underwriter charging them a small per cent on their accounts for transacting their business.

"The Room" at Lloyd's cannot fail to impress the visitor. On entering one hears the buzz of conversation mingled with the muted drone, quite unintelligible to the ordinary ear, of the Caller, who, garbed in his long red cloak, stands elevated above the mass of men, calling the names of those members who are required; and there seems to be an endless stream of people moving from one table to another. These are the

## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

## ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

A man at Trubia, Spain, committed suicide after learning that his wife had given birth to twins.

A commission of Spanish naval officers has been sent to Southampton to purchase 12 seaplanes at a cost of about £54,000.

After a suspension of about three years, the building is to be resumed at Glasgow of the Anchor Henderson liner "Transylvania" (17,260 tons).

The London and North Eastern Railway announce that it has been arranged to run through carriage between the Hook of Holland and Buxarest via Berlin and Breslau.

Members of the Liverpool Steam Shipowners' Association now own 5,750,000 tons of steam shipping, or more than 90 per cent. of the total British steam tonnage afloat.

Corporal Hall, of the Royal Air Force, who was seriously injured in an aeroplane crash at Risolvar, India, on January 29, when Flying Officer Hugh Jones was killed, has died.

While gas at Seaham Harbour, Durham, costs 5s. 9d. per thousand cubic feet, Seaham coal goes to London and makes gas there cheaper (11d. a therm or 4s. 7d. per thousand cubic feet).

The bodies of 8 of the 17 men who were drowned when the British steamer "Mora" was wrecked off Cape St. Vincent, Portugal, have been washed ashore and buried at Lagos.

Captain George R. Metcalf, who joined the White Star line 27 years ago, and now commands the "Cedric," has been appointed commander of the "Haverley," now being converted to an oil burner.

Fine weather prevails at many of the Swiss winter sports resorts, including Les Avants, Gstaad, Morgins, Pontresina, and St. Moritz. The depth of the snow ranges between 30 and more than 40 inches.

The man found decapitated on the railway at Patcham, near Brighton, is believed to be Sergeant Thomas Walker Bell, aged 34, of the Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham.

Carriages of a train arriving at Euston were T. and N.W. Railway stock painted in the Midland's livery, which is to be the colour of all the railways forming the new London, Midland, and Scottish Railway.

The British Pottery Manufacturers' Federation gave notice of a 10 per cent. reduction in wages. The operatives demand an increase, a minimum yield at piece-work rates, and the cessation of the employment of women in several processes.

While sitting at her husband's bedside in Derby infirmary, where he had undergone a serious operation, Alice Mackay, 45, was taken ill. She was removed to an adjoining ward and medically attended, but death occurred within twenty minutes.

Damages of £2,500 were awarded by a jury at Herefordshire Assizes to Jesse Gray, butcher of Walkem, Herefordshire, who while riding a motor-cycle last March was run into by a motor-car driven by Dr. R. F. A. Philpott, of Badgworth, Salop, and had to have his right leg amputated.

brokers and their clerks, who are transacting their business with the underwriters, who are all seated at the small tables of the same type as the old Coffee House ones of long ago.

The methods of transacting business as practised at Lloyd's is as follows: The public wishing to insure gets into touch with a broker, who has the right of entrance to the room, and he goes and interviews the underwriters, in turn finally placing the business with one of more to the best advantage to his client, and in due course the policy is issued.

WORLD INFLUENCE. The influence of Lloyd's on the insurance market of the world is very considerable. The market is free, each underwriter quoting the rates at which he is prepared to do the business, the covers are against all risks, if required, and wide. All kinds of insurance are transacted with, perhaps the exception of life, and so this naturally tends to keep the costs, as far as the public are concerned, down to a minimum.

Looking back through the years it is impossible to estimate the value of the work done by Lloyd's and the other insurance companies which have grown up around it, but it is quite sure that without their aid the expansion of the Empire would have been much delayed. Thus we owe much to this remarkable institution, which has set throughout more than two centuries, such a high example of tradition in public service.

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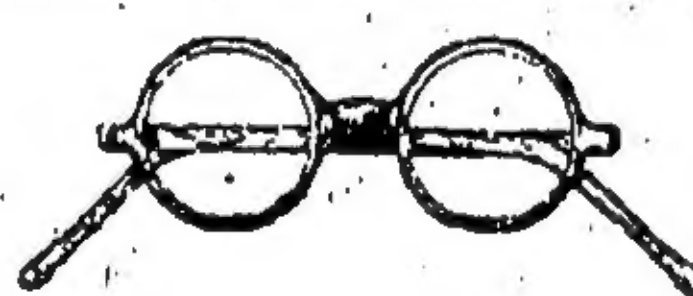
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HONGKONG TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1924.

### A HARBOUR BOARD?

It seems fairly obvious that a Government such as we possess in Hongkong must soon have its hands full to overflowing and by the very nature of its composition, its work that it has to do is vast and arduous. It is not only the many things which it has to do, but the immediate and prompt attention. A glance at the questions which have been agitating the minds of those who take an interest in the Colony's welfare, and the questions which still remain to be dealt with, fully proves this. We have had harbour improvements, typhoon precautions, education direction, military lands, traffic regulations, piracy prevention, town planning, building, rents, overcrowding, and others which do not at the moment force themselves so readily to our minds. Whilst some have been satisfactorily

dealt with, the bitterest opponent of Constitutional reform must admit that many have not received adequate treatment, whilst others are being tackled more or less indifferently due probably to the fact that the Government has either taken on too much, or has not prepared itself for the onrush of problems occasioned by the rapid expansion of the Colony, or those problems which have arisen as a result, it is maintained, of the chaos prevailing in the adjoining province. And this must be so in the absence of a liberal supply of super-men, or the Government's willingness to allow those willing and able to do so, to look after and effect a solution of several of the matters which ceaselessly cry out for reform. The one matter which continues to be the topic of conversation—not at all complimentary to those concerned—is the matter of piracy prevention. We do not at this stage intend to add another word to the many that we, and others, have ventured to use, in suggestion and supplication. But mention of the word piracy suggests the sea, and shipping, and that in its turn

suggests the harbour which is our natural pride. This again brings us to the proposed harbour improvements, and in its turn to the question if the Government would not be well advised to bring into being a full Harbour Board, with powers of administration, and generally to act as a Governing Body in things maritime. We suggest that this is an imperative question. The Government in its wisdom has formed a Sanitary Board, and though this has limited powers, no one questions that it has been a great help to the Government, and has assisted materially in helping to keep the Colony as clean, and as free from disease as, in the present state of some of our health laws, we deserve to be. The Government has also instituted a consultative Board in connection with the education of the Colony, which, in spite of the criticism it has brought upon itself, is to continue. Yet in connection with perhaps its most important possession—something in which the 'hackneyed' 'Life-blood of the Colony' is more than closely connected, it has, so far, not seen its way either to form a Board on (say) the lines of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, or to assist the Harbour Master with a committee of experts in carrying out the onerous duties which pertain to his office. The Government is naturally tenacious of its rights, but it could retain its rights, and at the same time relieve itself of much worry and save valuable time in availing itself of the service which it has to hand, if it would but ask for it. It is an easy statement to make, and doubtless difficult to prove, but we believe most level-headed men will agree when we suggest that the present piracy evil would not have reached the serious dimensions it has, if there had been a harbour board in operation. The present situation should be regarded as the situation was during the war, when the Colony's best were 'roped in' and used to the best possible advantage.

**Tourists.**  
Tourists come, they see, but do they conquer? Their visit is transient, fleeting and can only be cursory and they see the world like the child a panorama with an impression here and there. What most of them see of Hongkong is in the guide book and that which can be taken home on picture postcards. It is not our idea of travelling the world, yet with hundreds of tired and wealthy people it seems to find much favour and from time to time we have them in our midst, be-camered and begoggled, seeking some new sight and some fresh experience. So many good things they taste, cloy the appetite and as frankly admitted by one of the bored tourists on the 'Resolute' they are glad when they get home to their Main Street or Fifth Avenue and what is more likely their little homestead in some quiet reach of California. Is it a fact this travelling round the world or is it what we most suspect—a diversion and ambition? The globe trotter comes to Hongkong from Manila and goes thence to Shanghai. On his itinerary he gains a series of glances—for no more than a glance, can be absorbed when the tourist is only at one port for decidedly less than a week. His general impression of his trip round the world must be a medley of hazy recollections. Was it at Hongkong he saw the New York traffic signals or at Shanghai? Man's memory is but limited. Moving on schedule with the precision of a clock from port to port is our great objection to encircling the globe. To wander in and out at leisure, to stay a week or even a year at one's inclination, is a far better way of broadening the outlook of seeing the world as it really is, not as it is especially arrayed for tourists. To encounter a hidden beauty unexpectedly is one of the joys of life and how can it be done if you stand at the foot of the Peak and have it pointed out by an eloquent but mechanical guide. Far be it that you wander in among these things yourself, live in their midst and drink them in. But we are not so fortunate. Is it the fear of sacrificing comfort, luxury and ease that tourists embark with an army of weary companions to see the world or is it that world progress nowadays demands that adventure be no more?

### Kowloon Matters.

Day by day, and in every way, Kowloon looms largely in the thoughts of those who have its destinies in hand; of those who live there and are therefore, presumably, interested in its welfare, and of those whose business it is to cater for the entertainment of its rapidly growing community. The Government's answers to the questions put to it regarding the bus service must be considered eminently satisfactory. Assuming that the Chinese companies who have scrambled to cater for the travelling public are fully aware of the conditions attached to their permits—that the permission can be withdrawn at very short notice, a measure of admiration must be conceded them on their enterprise and their willingness to sink capital in what after all must be a fleeting source of profit. Evidently profits allow for liberal depreciation as against the time when matters are whittled down to one company only being allowed to provide traffic facilities for Kowloon's many thousands. What the curious would like to know is, what the Government charges as a permit fee, and if, when arriving at the amount that is charged, due consideration is taken of the fact that Kowloon's thoroughfares are not likely to be improved by so many vehicles plying and flying along them—to say nothing of extra traffic supervision. We are getting down to Protection, or Preferential Treatment when it is indicated that in the near future British made chassis, etc., will be stipulated for in the new service—which seems to indicate that Kowloon is in for a motor bus service, and not a tram service. Free Traders and Tariff Reformers alike will doubtless applaud this stipulation, and it will be good to see the Colony helping on British trade in a section that seems hitherto to have been honoured in the breach. The Peninsula has nothing to complain of in the way its needs are being catered for in the entertainment line. It is at any rate on a par with that of Hongkong and more and more so visiting professionals make it their business to visit the pleasantly appointed Star Theatre and offer their particular talents to the discerning of those who dwell

across the water. This is in keeping with the suggestion we made some time ago and it is good to know that the Star Theatre management is fully alive to what is required of it. Kowloon will have an opportunity afforded it on Thursday next of listening to a form of entertainment which, so far as we know, it has never hitherto enjoyed, and if for that reason only, Thursday should be historic. The Hongkong Philharmonic Society is to repeat the programme it gave in the Theatre Royal on Saturday—a programme which mightily pleased a large audience and earned the unanimous praise of the newspaper critics. It is due to the 'Phil' that its enterprise would not go unrewarded. It cannot afford to be out of pocket in its endeavour to give the music of the ancients and moderns in the pleasing way it does. The Society is getting on its feet again, and what it has so far been able to do is but a taste of what it can do and what it hopes to improve upon. Kowloon has it in its power to offer just that encouragement that the Society needs and to make it a settled part of their programmes that the Peninsula shall be taken into account in connection with future concerts. There may not be much connection between buses and music; on the other hand there may. Each must have one elementary fact connected with them; they must be good. We are not an authority on buses even if we say that the present mode of conveyance could be improved upon. We may not be an authority on music, but we have no hesitation in saying that the Philharmonic's concerts are invariably good and are likely to be better.

**TANGENTS**  
The difficulty of keeping a newspaper correspondent to the true letter of the discussion on which the first one embarked—or the delight which letter writers find in going off at a tangent, is shown at the recent correspondence in the China Mail. It commenced with reasons why the Church had failed, but quickly galloped into doubts on the Virgin birth and a vigorous defence. In this way is the original subject killed and another and more difficult subject introduced, a subject which has troubled theological pundits down the ages. The words of Mr. H. G. Wells written two years ago, have their own particular interest on the original topic of discussion, that we venture to give them. They constitute the personal opinion of a man who in a remarkable manner has been able to gain the ear of the whole world:—  
"I am afraid I can offer very little helpful advice to those who want to bring the Church or Churches back into intimate and helpful relationship to the community at large. 'I think religion is a larger thing than Christianity and will go on, a growing power in the hearts of men, though they cease altogether to call themselves Christians.' I would suggest that 'Christianity' sell all that it hath and follow after Jesus of Nazareth, that it scrap its theologies and organisations and, taking neither scrip nor purse, set out to find the lost Kingdom of God. 'More and more people find it possible to follow the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth without any of the terms and trappings of Christianity at all—without, indeed, even calling themselves Christians.'

**THE RESOLUTE'S**  
American passengers seem to have been more of the spending variety, than the other boat-loads of tourists that have visited Hongkong. And it is to be noted that shop-keepers rose to the occasion. Signs were exhibited that clothing could be made within 20 hours. One store displayed: "Faring visit solicited." Faring was probably meant to indicate money.

**BOOKS:** note that if Auction announcements are anything to go by, residents do not include books in their household goods. Rarely does one see that books are to be sold. This explains a lot. Readers must guess what that "lot" is.

### To-day's Poem.

(April.)  
Something, tapped at my window pane,  
Someone called me without my door,  
Someone laughed like the tinkle of rain,  
The robin echoed it o'er and o'er.

I threw the door and the window wide;  
Sun and the touch of the breeze and then—  
"Oh, were you expecting me, dear?" she cried,  
And here was April come back again.  
—Theodosia Garrison.

### WEATHER CALENDAR.

APRIL 1.

1890. We are in deep snow here; all the old roofs and towers

"The landlords have shown themselves incapable of profiting by my previous decree because they used it as a chance to increase rents exorbitantly and anti-socially. They must realize that liberty has not only its rights, but also its duties. The Government must find ways to adjust matters for the benefit of all the citizens. I reject your protest, which in its manner at this time is absolutely inopportune."

At Great Yarmouth recently, a 12-year-old boy, when about to take the oath, confessed that he did not know what a Bible was.

Sunday's weather reminded us of the alleged words of an English sporting gentleman: "It is a fine morning. Let's go out and kill something." We always think of that statement when we see the curiously garbed people who early travel to the border and come back at night, laden with a collection of little birds that in their bulk do not seem to amount to much in the way of what is called a square meal. We presume there is some enjoyment to be had in scouring paddy fields and distributing shot over a wide area. Some of us have a lot to be thankful for—one being that someone or other has decreed that we are not birds.

**SPORTING.**  
April 1.—Coronet Theatre: "Rags to Riches."  
April 1.—Star Theatre: "Peter the Great."  
April 1.—World Theatre: "The Man from Wyoming."  
April 2.—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.  
April 12.—Public Dinner by Sir William Rees Davies at Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.

**SPORT.**  
April 2.—Annual Athletic Sports of the University of Hongkong.  
April 19 and 21.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meetings.

**PUBLIC AUCTIONS.**  
April 2.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell St., commercial radio receivers, etc., noon.  
April 4.—Lammert Bros., at No. 18 Godown of the H.K. and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 10.30 a.m.  
April 5.—Lammert Bros., at 6 Catchick St., Kennedy Town, rice mills with huller and polibars, machines, motors, etc., 11 a.m.  
April 9.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, the s.s. 'Kwai Wa,' now lying at Shamshuipo, 8 p.m.  
April 15.—Lammert Bros., at 6 Catchick St., Kennedy Town, two complete sets of saws and cane splitting machinery, etc., 8 p.m.

**COMPANY MEETING.**  
April 10.—Second yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, noon.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The St. Andrew's Church Girl Guide troop is in a flourishing condition and reflects great credit on its officers says the *Monthly Messenger*. Miss O'Dell has just come in to help, adds the parish magazine.

For ill-treating a servant girl, the mistress of a Yau-mat brothel was yesterday sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment. Evidence was given that defendant struck the girl in such a manner that her head was cut open.

Putting his head out of the window of a tram near Causeway Bay on Sunday a Chinese was struck by the tram coming from the opposite direction. He was seriously injured and had to be taken to hospital.

In the *Monthly Messenger*, the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church expresses his thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton, and Mr. Mow Fung for kindly placing their respective motor cars at his disposal for visiting in the New Territories.

The Cheung Chau Government School sports were held during the week-end. The prizes were presented by Mrs. McRae in the absence of Mrs. Alabaster. Mr. E. Ralphs and Mr. C. G. Alabaster thanked the visitors, the prize-donors and Mrs. McRae for presenting the prizes.

The St. Andrew's Church Choir has been strengthened considerably during the month by new voices. At the Good Friday Morning Service, Mr. Clements has promised to sing "There is a Green Hill Far Away" (Gounod), and on Easter Sunday, evening, an augmented choir will render the anthem "What are These?"

Special services were held both in the morning and in the afternoon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, the day being observed as the Catholic Press Day. In addition to the religious observances, an excellent musical was given by the *Academia Litteraria* at the Club Lusitano at 5 p.m.

There is a curious impression abroad that the Admiralty propose to pay a salvage organisation an enormous sum to raise the German ship sunk at Scapa. The truth of the matter is that the Admiralty have asked to let the firm in question recover what they can of the wreckage for a consideration. They want Scapa Flow cleared of the obstructive mess in any case, and it is rather good business to get somebody to pay for doing this. Beyond the fact that the vessels are sunk in territorial waters, the Admiralty really have no claim to them. When scuttled, they were only interned pending disposal, not surrendered.

and ivied walls wrapped in a sheet of dazzling white.—M. S. Holland.

### WHAT THEY ARE.

After all, things are what they are, and not other things, and their consequences will be what they will be; why, then, should we deceive ourselves?  
—Dr. Butler.

### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

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### SPORT.

April 2.—Annual Athletic Sports of the University of Hongkong.  
April 19 and 21.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meetings.

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

April 2.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell St., commercial radio receivers, etc., noon.  
April 4.—Lammert Bros., at No. 18 Godown of the H.K. and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 10.30 a.m.  
April 5.—Lammert Bros., at 6 Catchick St., Kennedy Town, rice mills with huller and polibars, machines, motors, etc., 11 a.m.  
April 9.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, the s.s. 'Kwai Wa,' now lying at Shamshuipo, 8 p.m.  
April 15.—Lammert Bros., at 6 Catchick St., Kennedy Town, two complete sets of saws and cane splitting machinery, etc., 8 p.m.

**COMPANY MEETING.**  
April 10.—Second yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, noon.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The St. Andrew's Church Girl Guide troop is in a flourishing condition and reflects great credit on its officers says the *Monthly Messenger*. Miss O'Dell has just come in to help, adds the parish magazine.

For ill-treating a servant girl, the mistress of a Yau-mat brothel was yesterday sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment. Evidence was given that defendant struck the girl in such a manner that her head was cut open.

Putting his head out of the window of a tram near Causeway Bay on Sunday a Chinese was struck by the tram coming from the opposite direction. He was seriously injured and had to be taken to hospital.

In the *Monthly Messenger*, the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church expresses his thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton, and Mr. Mow Fung for kindly placing their respective motor cars at his disposal for visiting in the New Territories.

The Cheung Chau Government School sports were held during the week-end. The prizes were presented by Mrs. McRae in the absence of Mrs. Alabaster. Mr. E. Ralphs and Mr. C. G. Alabaster thanked the visitors, the prize-donors and Mrs. McRae for presenting the prizes.

The St. Andrew's Church Choir has been strengthened considerably during the month by new voices. At the Good Friday Morning Service, Mr. Clements has promised to sing "There is a Green Hill Far Away" (Gounod), and on Easter Sunday, evening, an augmented choir will render the anthem "What are These?"

Special services were held both in the morning and in the afternoon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, the day being observed as the Catholic Press Day. In addition to the religious observances, an excellent musical was given by the *Academia Litteraria* at the Club Lusitano at 5 p.m.

There is a curious impression abroad that the Admiralty propose to pay a salvage organisation an enormous sum to raise the German ship sunk at Scapa. The truth of the matter is that the Admiralty have asked to let the firm in question recover what they can of the wreckage for a consideration. They want Scapa Flow cleared of the obstructive mess in any case, and it is rather good business to get somebody to pay for doing this. Beyond the fact that the vessels are sunk in territorial waters, the Admiralty really have no claim to them. When scuttled, they were only interned pending disposal, not surrendered.

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### KOWLOON DOCK TROUBLE.

### DISPUTE OVER HOUSING PROBLEM.

### POSITION THIS MORNING.

The dispute over certain houses which shelter employees of the Kowloon Dock Company and which recently came up for discussion before the Legislative Council came to a head yesterday when an attempt on the part of the landlords to start demolition work met with resistance from tenants and resulted in the docks being deserted during most of the day.

The Cooke Street houses accommodate about 500 of the Dock workers and are owned by private Chinese landlords. The contractor's men who tried to begin the work of demolition yesterday morning met with stern opposition, the tenants quickly gathering into a big crowd and calling out their colleagues from the Dock to aid them. Most of the Dock workers had joined in sympathy during the day and last night it was reported that only the launch crews were working.

The Chief Manager of the Dock Company conferred with the Secretary of Chinese Affairs yesterday, and this morning a representative of the "China Mail" was informed that an arrangement had been entered into whereby the landlords had agreed to hold their hands temporarily in order to enable the Dock Company to provide further accommodation for their employees.

Mr. R. M. Dyer was in conference with the Director of Public Works this morning, but the outcome of the interview was not made public.

Most of the workers were at the Docks this morning. It is probable that pending the erection of new houses or their transference to temporary wooden houses, the Dock employees will remain in their present Cooke Street dwellings.

During the discussion on the Rents Ordinance, recently, H.E. the Governor in referring to this particular Cooke Street case, said that as the tenants were mainly employed by the Dock and Cement Companies, it should be the duty of such wealthy concerns to house their workers.

### "HEUNG SHAN" SOLD.

WRECKED STEAMER BRINGS \$5,800.

CHINESE PURCHASER.

The British river steamer "Heung Shan" which went ashore near Canton a month ago was sold for \$5,800 this morning by auction at Messrs. Lammert Bros. auction rooms, Duddell Street.

The auction room was packed with Chinese who before the sale asked many questions regarding the beached vessel, and for a time Mr. Lammert was bombarded from all sides.

One bidder wanted to know if the event of the steamer being salvaged successfully, it could be used on the run again. Mr. Lammert said it could and also explained that the sale did not include cargo for which the purchaser would not be held responsible.

The auctioneer smiled when he heard some one of the bidders say that if they bought the vessel it could not be dynamited to get the cargo. Mr. Lammert said he would help the purchaser as much as he could and if necessary would assist in obtaining dynamite from the Government. It was stated by a representative of the Union Insurance Company that among several small pieces of cargo aboard were 200 cases of milk and 30 cases of wine in the strong room.

Mr. Lammert offered the steamer as she now lies in her present condition in the Canton River, beached opposite Larkling Point (Kellat Reach) Blenheim Passage and the terms were cash on the fall of the hammer when the vessel could be at purchaser's risk.

The bidding started at \$1,000, which commented Mr. Lammert, was evidently the work of a practical joker. Eventually, by series of \$200 bids the price went to \$5,700 at which figure there was a decided lull in the bidding. The final bid of \$5,800 from Mr. Woo Wing, a Chinese speculator finished the auction.

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## POISON TRIAL PROTEST.

## "SLIPSHOD METHODS" ALLEGED.

## PHYSIOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY.

## VALUE OF ANIMAL TEST.

Further excursions into the realms of toxicology were made when the hearing of the case in which a Lantao woman is charged with having poisoned her husband was continued before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the criminal sessions to-day.

Mr. Campbell Prosser, who is defending the prisoner, further cross-examined Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Government Analyst, put several questions to him regarding the chemical reactions expectable from various alkaloids. "I want you to be careful, Mr. Dovey, because if necessary," counsel threatened, "I shall subpoena every physiologist in this Colony to go into the box." Proceeding with his evidence, Mr. Dovey said the animal test of alkaloids was beset with many pitfalls one of which was the difficulty of administration.

**Wanted—A Physiologist.** Mr. Prosser at this stage suggested that Mr. Dovey was not a competent judge of relative toxicity because he possessed no knowledge of physiology. Nevertheless his opinion was the opinion upon which the verdict of the jury—if they brought in a verdict of "guilty" must be founded.

His Honour said he should tell the jury that it was an inference which might be drawn by a layman and that it was for them to find on that point and none else. Mr. Prosser: We should have a physiologist here on that point. I should like to know what his idea of these toxic experiments is and as to the loss of toxicity in experiments of this kind.

Counsel added that he wished to put his case quite fairly before Mr. Dovey left the Colony and he was proceeding to outline the defence when the Police Judge interrupted. "I have no doubt," said His Honour, "that if you indicate the kind of evidence you require, the Crown will assist you to get it."

**Experiments Criticised.** Mr. Prosser: My allegation is that these experiments have been carried out in the most slipshod method possible. The post-mortem was as slipshod as possible. The subsequent experiment was done no doubt with great care but not in the presence of anybody acquainted with physiology. Your Lordship will see, as this case proceeds, that there is no evidence at all to show what this man ate and when he ate it.

The Police Judge: That is a point for the jury. Your argument seems to me now, if I may say so, to amount to an address to the jury.

Mr. Prosser: I hope I am not doing that, because if I did I should forfeit my right to address them later, which would be a calamity. The Honour: Then why are you addressing me now at this length?

Mr. Prosser: I want Dr. Minnett to be called on the point of physiology as to the experiments on animals and as to the experiments he would conduct.

The acting Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C.) We are quite ready to recall Dr. Minnett and we are also prepared, if my friend can suggest anybody else in the Government Service likely to throw light on this matter, to have them called also.

It was then arranged that Dr. Minnett should be telephoned for and in the meantime the hearing of evidence was continued.

**"I Will Poison You."** Pending the arrival of Dr. Minnett, the father of the deceased was called to give evidence. He said he bought the deceased at the age of ten and adopted him as his son. He also adopted another boy as his son but this man was later murdered by his wife. Discussing the relations existing between the prisoner and the deceased the witness said she did not like her husband and scolded him whenever he returned to the house. Witness had heard her say to the deceased: "Are you handsome or graceful? I will poison you with a dose of poison."

Proceeding the witness described how on the day the deceased died he heard cries of "Save Life" and on going into his son's house saw that his (the witness's) wife and his sister were already there. The deceased was "very distressed" and at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon he died. Before he died they put new clothes on him as that was the Chinese custom.

**Dr. Minnett Recalled.** At this point Dr. Minnett appeared in Court and was recalled. Replying to questions put to him by Mr. Prosser he agreed that one of the qualities of an alkaloid was its toxicity. There were non-poisonous alkaloids—quinine was one but it depended how much you took.

Mr. Prosser: Do you agree that if two alkaloids show the same

## HUGE ARMS HAUL.

## OVER 100 MAUSERS SEIZED.

Revenue Officer Ward has effected another large arms seizure from a godown at Kowloon.

Eight cases, believed to have been landed from the Continental steamer "Aachen" and which have not been claimed by consignees to date, were examined and found to contain no less than 117 Mauser pistols with 13,800 rounds of ammunition.

Each case was marked in English "for Hongkong" and consigned to a fictitious Hongkong firm. Contents were declared to be machinery.

## FOUL PLAY?

## YAUMATI FORESHORE MYSTERY.

Suspicious circumstances if not foul play are associated with the reported discovery yesterday of the dead body of a Chinese middle-aged male, floating near the Yaumati breakwater. Cut wounds were noticed on the head and suspended from the neck by a length of rope was a large stone.

As the body is not at all decomposed it is surmised that death can only have occurred a day or so previously. No clues have been found from the clothing &c., as to deceased's identity.

## ST. ANDREW'S FETE.

## TO-MORROW AFTERNOON'S EVENT.

Arrangements have almost been completed for the opening of St. Andrew's Fete in the Church grounds and hall to-morrow. The affair will be opened by Commodore Grace, R.N. at 2.30 p.m., and from the look of the good things on the programme promises to be a great success.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, the Vicar, informed the "China Mail" this morning that the most popular and talented artists of the Colony had consented to appear in the grand variety entertainment which will conclude a programme replete with attractions and novelties. It is a programme which will appeal both to the children and grown-ups.

## AFTER THE OPIUM.

## CANTON TROOPS SEEKING FUNDS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 31. A reliable source has it that a syndicate with a capital of \$600,000 is being formed to run the "anti-opium bureau." The Hunanese general, Lo Dik-ping is authoritatively mentioned as the most likely candidate for the position of director. Other influential Hunanese leaders are said to be associated with the movement which has in view the running of the bureau to raise funds for the Hunanese troops' upkeep.

This is taken as a step by this branch of Dr. Sun's subordinates to assure for themselves a steady source of revenue as the Yunnanese have retained the *funan* revenue.

## UNTIMELY STRIKE.

## TOKYO'S THREE FISHLESS DAYS.

Tokyo, March 31. The citizens are faced with three fishless days from to-morrow, unless mediation removes the troubles between the Municipality and the fish dealers.

The latter have declared a strike for three days unless a new city fish market is established in Tsukiji in favour of the historic market in Nishimbashi, which was destroyed by the September fire. Unless satisfaction is granted, the strike will be extended.

The Yokohama fish dealers have declared a similar sympathetic "holid-day."—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

chemical reactions of it may have toxicity and one not? Dr. Minnett: The chemistry of alkaloids and allied bodies is extremely complicated and it is very difficult to say.

Mr. Prosser: When you are dealing with alkaloids what do you regard as the finest and best test their toxic properties?

Dr. Minnett: A chemical test and the physiological effects on animals and human beings.

In the course of further replies, Dr. Minnett said that in the case of an unknown alkaloid the animal test was invariably used and it was generally true that all vegetable alkaloids were tested by animal tests. Gelsemium acted on the central nervous system and as far as he knew it left no post-mortem lesions that could be detected.

## "CAT" FOR CRIMINALS.

## DESPERATE DUO DISPOSED OF.

Two Chinese who were said to be already serving a term of seven years' jail for a similar offence pleaded guilty before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) to indictments arising out of an armed robbery at Yaumati.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball (Assistant Attorney General), for the Crown, told how a gang of six or seven armed robbers, including the two prisoners, raided a house in the Portland Street, Yaumati, and stole money and goods amounting to \$166.

One of the accused who was stated to have been the leader of the gang was sentenced to five years and the other man to four years' hard labour. In both cases His Lordship directed that the prisoners, whom he described as "desperate characters and a menace to the peace of the Colony," should receive five strokes of the "cat." He expressed the view, however, that for humanitarian reasons they should get their strokes as early as possible.

## ALL IS NOT GOLD.

## ALLEGED ATTEMPTED SWINDLE.

The story of an alleged conspiracy to palm off a chain as being of pure gold was told to Mr. E. W. Hamilton in the Magistracy this morning.

A goldsmith sold a chain to a man and gave a receipt. The next day, a woman (the first defendant) is accused of having brought another chain to re-sell to the shop as the original article of jewellery. The prosecution allege that the last link of the first chain, bearing the shop's name, was put on the false one to give it the appearance of being the genuine. After arrest, the woman is said to have pointed out a man (the second prisoner, defended by Mr. A. E. Hall) as having handed the chain to her.

Asked to plead both defendants said the chain is not mine. His Worship remanded the case till Friday afternoon.

## STILL THEY COME.

## ANOTHER NEW LAWYER.

Another new solicitor, Mr. Harold John Armstrong, who has come out from Home to join Messrs. Deacons, was "admitted" by the Chief Justice (Sir W. Rees Davies) at the Supreme Court to-day.

The motion for his admission was submitted by the acting Attorney-General (the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.) who informed His Lordship that all the usual papers had been filed and were in order.

In announcing that he had pleasure in admitting Mr. Armstrong, the Chief Justice said: "You have youth on your side and, speaking as a veteran, that appeals to me very much. I sincerely hope your career here will be successful."

## LOTTERIES ILLEGAL.

In the Police Court this morning Mr. Leo d'Almada, the solicitor, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton in connection with a lottery ticket case which His Worship decided yesterday afternoon.

This morning His Worship intimated that he would review his sentence but not his judgment. He hinted that two sentences had been imposed for two charges, one of which was the alternative to the other.

Mr. d'Almada suggested that His Worship might reduce the sentences. As an advocate he thought the legislature was too hard on his clients who had some lottery tickets whereas gambling on the race-course was not dealt with.

Without giving his opinion, His Worship merely stated that he would announce the new sentences at a subsequent date.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

## FRIDAY'S MATCH POSTPONED.

Thanks to the courtesy of Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.C.C., the "China Mail" has been informed that the standard match for Friday next—Ng Sze-kyong and C. Choa v. the winners of the Worthington and Redmond v. Hattersley-Smith and Williams &c.—has been unavoidably postponed.

In all probability it will be played off on Wednesday to-morrow week.

## PIRATE ARRESTS.

## HONGKONG POLICE RETICENT.

## NO WITNESSES BEST YET.

As far as can be ascertained none of the officers and crews of pirated ships, such as the "Sun Ning," "Hydrangea" and "Tai Lee" have been sent to Waichow yet.

It was reported that a telegram had been sent to Hongkong in which it was stated that about forty alleged pirates were rounded up in the Kist River district by pro-Chan troops. Accordingly, officers and crews were requested to proceed to Waichow city for identification purposes.

To-day, the police would not say definitely whether any had been sent, but it was gathered that none had started yet.

## THE ELLERMAN LINE.

## ANOTHER NEW STEAMER LAUNCHED.

City of Lancaster.—The steel screw cargo steamer "City of Lancaster," built to the order of the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., at the Jarroo Yard of Palmer's Shipbuilding and Iron Co., Ltd., was taken to sea for trial on Wednesday last, February 20.

The principal dimensions of the vessel are: Length overall 344ft., breadth, extreme 46ft., depth to upper deck 24ft. 10in. and 26.5ft. forward. The vessel carries about 5,000 tons deadweight on a moderate draft. She has been built under Lloyd's special survey for their highest class 100 A. 1, with combined poop and bridge, and detached forecastle. Water ballast is carried in the cellular double bottom and deep tank. The latter is also adapted for the carriage of cargo oils. A system of wide-spaced tubular pillars is fitted in the holds and 'tween decks, giving clear spaces for the stowage of large bulk cargo. Accommodation for officers, together with their saloon, is fitted in the bridge, the captain's rooms being above. The engineers' and P.O.'s rooms are situated on the bridge deck abreast the machinery space. The crew's quarters are fitted up in the forecastle. There is an efficient system of winches and derricks for the rapid handling of cargo.

The propelling machinery consists of triple expansion surface condensing engines situated amidships and driving a single screw, steam being provided by three cylindrical single-ended boilers fitted with Howden's forced draught. The machinery worked very smoothly throughout, and the trial was in every respect highly successful.

The owners were represented by Mr. W. Hinchcliffe, Mr. A. B. Calcott, and Mr. H. Venable, also Captain Lewis and Captain Esery, and the builders by Mr. T. S. Simpson (shipyard), and Mr. W. Brown (engine works).

## NEW BRITISH FILM.

## HOMELAND SCENERY SCREENED.

## Star's Fine Picture.

Like a breath of good, English air is the notable picture being shown at the Star Theatre this evening for the first time, in conjunction with Peter the Great, world's champion strong man, for "The Call of Youth," was entirely made in the Homeland, and in addition to an excellent story, presents some beautiful Devonshire scenery. "The Call of Youth" was written by Henry Arthur Jones, one of Britain's leading dramatic authors, who has a long string of stage successes to his credit. The complete cast has been filled by well-known London stage figures, headed by Ben Webster, Mary Glynn and Malcolm Cherry.

Besides giving some charming glimpses of an English county famous the world over for its beauty, "The Call of Youth" presents a very pleasing love romance in which youth finds itself at odds with the world and only through the kindly intervention of fate eventually wins happiness. The story has its note of drama as well and the excitement thus provided rounds off the picture and makes it ring true.

If "The Call of Youth" is an entertainment in itself, the same can only be said of Peter the Great, who continues to amaze Kowloon folk with his startling feats of strength like lifting several men with one hand or twisting iron bars into horse-shape. Indeed he has caused quite a sensation on the mainland with his astonishing stunt of allowing a fully loaded 7-passenger motor car to run over his chest.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

In First Street yesterday, Ip Leung (79), failed to get out of the way of a dustcart and had to be removed to hospital for treatment.

Yesterday a Chinese living at Cooke Street was assaulted by some men who used bamboo poles. He was sent to the Kwong Wah hospital.

A Chinese lad ten years of age of Tai Hang village, was inadvertently knocked over yesterday by a motor-car belonging, it stated, to Dr. Forsyth's office. He was injured in the leg and face.

It is hoped to have the opening ceremony of the China Inland Mission School Memorial Hall, Chefoo on Friday, April 4 at 3.30 p.m.

Billiard enthusiasts are asked to note that the second round in the open championship commences at the V.R.C. to-night when S.C. Kwok (bye) meets P. S. Leung. An excellent game is assured.

Police vigilance is being increased to cope with the crime epidemic. District watchmen from the S. C. A.'s department now visit the West Point restaurants. There they systematically question guests as to their bona fides. It appears that they are on the look-out for evil characters masquerading in respectable clothing.

In connection with the Chinese Po Piu lottery, prominence to which has been given by the police court cases during the last few days, it is reported that a local Chinese launch-owner has just won about \$100,000 at the last draw. He is said to have invested on a large scale, ten characters which were picked out in a temple. Of these six were drawn giving him the big prize.

The British Express Dairy of Bombay are now offering for sale on the local market a very fine brand of tinned butter. This butter is manufactured under the supervision of an English expert butter maker and only the choicest cream is used with perfectly pure water. This makes the butter wholesome and gives it a fine flavour. The butter can now be obtained from local provision stores or in large quantities from the local agents, Messrs. Moosa and Co.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ did attend the Police Court yesterday afternoon as invited by Mr. E. W. Hamilton. His Worship gave his decision on a certain point pertaining to Po Piu lottery tickets when Mr. Russ claimed that the papers alleged to be in his client's possession were old and valueless. To back up his contention he produced some old race tickets which he invited His Worship to buy. The case was adjourned till Friday for evidence to be called.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. C. W. Tinson and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shields were passengers on the incoming "President Adams."

Mr. L. J. Blackburn has been appointed local Secretary of the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.

It is announced that Messrs. G. F. Wright and T. W. Hornby, have resumed business as share and general brokers.

The wedding of Mr. Duncan Millar, of the Chartered Bank, Penang, and Miss Gwen Forbes will take place from "Kinsley" about the middle of this month.

According to a *Daily Bulletin* cable from Tokyo, the funeral of Prince Kwacho, who died on March 19, was carried out yesterday in the presence of the Imperial Princes, members of the Cabinet, officials and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

## FOOTBALL.

Owing to the Shield match on Saturday, the Club have arranged to fulfil their league match with H.M.S. "Despatch" on the Club ground to-morrow (Wednesday) evening, kick-off at 5.15 p.m. The following will represent the Club: G. Rodger, H. T. Buxton, C. E. Bishop, D. Lyon, A. Mair, G. Angus, A. Ferguson, A. S. Forsyth (Capt.), J. Stewart, H. G. Howard and S. D. Begg.

## HONGKONG'S HEALTH.

Five cases of small-pox, all Chinese, and one of enteric fever, Indian, were notified yesterday. Last week there were reported fourteen cases of small-pox (twelve fatal), five of cerebro spinal fever (four fatal), and one of enteric fever (fatal)—all Chinese.

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#### NEW B. I. STEAMER.

"TILAWA" SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

#### INTERESTING CEREMONY.

Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie and Co., Ltd., launched from their Hebburn Shipbuilding Yard, in mail week, the single screw steamer "Tilawa," built to the order of the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. The "Tilawa" is the second of three vessels, the first, the steamer "Taina," a duplicate vessel, having been delivered to the owners by the builders in September, 1923.

The following is a description of the vessel:—Length overall, 467 feet; breadth, 59½ feet; depth, 40 feet. The vessel is being built to Lloyd's 100 A1 Class, and is constructed with straight stem and cruiser stern, with poop, bridge, and forecastle decks and promenade and boat decks above bridge deck. Ten 5-ton derricks are fitted on derrick posts, ten steam winches are provided for the rapid handling of cargo, and a 25-ton derrick is fitted at the foremast for dealing with special cargo.

Spacious accommodation will be provided for first and second-class passengers, and, in addition, arrangements have been made for berthing a large number of Chinese passengers in the upper and second 'tween decks. The first-class passengers will be accommodated on the promenade and bridge decks, with dining saloon at the fore end of the bridge deck, and music-room on the promenade deck above the dining saloon. Both rooms will be tastefully decorated. The first-class smokeroom on the promenade deck will be paneled in oak and fitted up in the Jacobean style.

The second-class passengers will be accommodated on the after end of the promenade deck and on and under the bridge deck; the dining saloon is at the after end of the bridge deck, and the second-class entrance hall and lounge on the promenade deck.

The captain's rooms are situated on the flying bridge, the officers and engineers being berthed in houses at the fore and after ends respectively of the boat deck. Wireless telegraph installation will be fitted, with berths for the three operators situated in a house on the boat deck. Two hospitals are situated in the fore end of the bridge 'tween decks, and an isolation hospital above the poop deck. The galley, bakery, scullery, and butchers' shop are situated on the upper deck amidships. Mails and specie will be carried, and special rooms are being fitted for this purpose.

The vessel's propelling machinery consists of single screw inverted direct acting quadruple expansion engines, the cylinders of which are 29½ in., 47½ in., 59 in., and 85 in. by 54 in. stroke. The engines are designed throughout in accordance with the most up to date practice for reciprocating engines, and have "Cockburn's" steam stop and emergency valve fitted. A very complete range of auxiliaries is fitted, including main and auxiliary feed pumps by Weir's feed heater, feed filter, and a 50-ton evaporator. The thrust block is of the Michel patent type, with enclosed lubrication. Steam is supplied by four cylindrical single-ended boilers working at a

pressure of 215 lbs. under Howden's latest system of forced draught. Tomkin's steam purifier is fitted to the main steam connections. The machinery is designed to develop a power sufficient for a speed of 13 knots.

The christening ceremony was performed by the Hon. Elsie Mackay, daughter of Viscount Inchcape, chairman of the ship-owning company, after which the guests adjourned to the mode-room, where the customary toasts were honoured.

**UNEMPLOYED SHIPS.**  
The luncheon, which followed the launch, was presided over by Mr. C. E. Straker, chairman of Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie and Co., who gave the toast of the King. It was not usual to propose that toast on these occasions, he said, but there was never a time when there was a greater necessity to wish His Majesty strength in meeting present problems.

The Chairman proposed "Success to the British India Steam Navigation Co. and the Associated P. and O. Company," and referred to experiences at christenings, and said that launches gave rise to tremors in those responsible, but so far the launches at the Hebburn Shipyard had been successful. They could not recall any instances where ships had tarried too long on the ways or turned turtle when they got into the river. They very gratefully remembered they still had further orders from the P. and O. Co. He knew some wise men said there were already far too many ships afloat for the freights, but he thought they might take it for granted that the present Government—it was to be hoped—would be able to find employment for the unemployed ships as well as for the unemployed men. (Applause.) Of course, they realised also that unless the present shipowners followed a good lead and scrapped ships that seemed to have had their day they might have a sorry day when they were against the competition of cheaply built and well run foreign-owned vessels—and no protection. He was not talking politics, but they had no protection, and when he was in danger he liked protection. He had pleasure in proposing success to the British India Co., and associated with that to the world renowned P. and O. Steam Navigation Co. (Applause.)

Mr. C. G. Deane, naval architect of the P. and O. Co., replied on behalf of the owners, thanking the chairman for the way in which he had proposed the toast.

Mr. G. T. Batey, managing director of Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie and Co., asked the company to drink the health of the Hon. Elsie Mackay, who had so gracefully performed the launching ceremony. They felt very pleased that the daughter of Lord Inchcape should pay them the compliment of a visit to Hebburn—(hear, hear)—and he hoped it would not be the last time. (Applause.)

The vessel they had seen launched was a sister to one they launched some time ago. She was intended to carry very large cargo, and so as not to encroach on the cargo space the accommodation for first and second class passengers was provided above the cargo holds. Therefore, she would earn money whether carrying passengers or cargo, and if she carried both he hoped she would earn double as much. If she did it would be a greater prospect for the builders. When the "Taina," her sister ship,

#### MAN AT THE HELM.

#### SHIPPING BOARD'S NEW CHAIRMAN.

Mr. T. V. O'Connor, appointed by President Coolidge as chairman of the Shipping Board, is from Buffalo, N. Y. He has resided in Buffalo practically all his life, having been a resident of that city since 1872. In early life he was employed as a fireman on a harbor tug at the port of Buffalo, later obtaining a licence as marine engineer and as master. He still holds licences as marine engineer and master.



In the year 1906 he was elected president of the Licensure Tugmen's Protective Association of the Great Lakes, which position he held until 1908, when he was made president of the International Longshoremen's Association, remaining in that position until June 15, 1921.

During the war he served as a member of the National Adjustment Commission, which was a War Board established for the fixing of wages and conditions in the Longshore industry. For many years Mr. O'Connor has been more or less in political affairs in his home city and State. In 1921 he was appointed by Nathan L. Miller, Governor of New York, one of the members of the State Industrial Board, which office he resigned upon his appointment as Commissioner of the Shipping Board, by President Harding, in 1921. He was chosen vice-chairman of the Shipping Board in June, 1921, and he has served in that capacity until his appointment as chairman.

#### PACIFIC SHIPPING.

#### DOLLAR LINE'S PURCHASE.

#### SHIPPING BOARD STATEMENT.

Mr. T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, has made the following statement:—

"Statements have appeared in the Press to the effect that the seven 502ft. steamers recently sold by the Board to the Dollar Steamship Company for the maintenance of round-the-world service brought a price of only \$5.24 per ton. This statement is such a manifest perversion of fact that it calls for prompt correction. The sale price of the seven ships was \$3,850,000. Their total deadweight was 91,372 tons, and their average gross tonnage was 10,833. The sale price, therefore, works out at approximately \$42.14 per deadweight ton, or \$52.22 per gross ton."

It is proper to add that the Dollar Steamship Company has agreed as part of the contract of sale to operate these vessels on a round-the-world service for a period of five years, constituting not alone the first round-the-world passenger steamship service under the American flag, but the only round-the-world passenger service under any flag."

left the Thames she was full to the top, and in the large cargo were several locomotives built at the Forth works which she was taking out to India.

In closing, Mr. Batey spoke of the untiring activity of Lord Inchcape, and said that his daughter had that day shown that she followed in her father's footsteps. He asked her on behalf of the firm to accept a rose bowl as a souvenir of the launch. (Applause.)

The Hon. Elsie Mackay, replying, said she would retain that gift in memory of a most delightful day, and she hoped the owners would continue to place orders with Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie and Co. (Applause.) She proposed the health of Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie and Co.

Sir Archibald Ross replied, and said that though the firm was an old one it was young in spirit. He very much appreciated the courage and confidence of Lord Inchcape in ordering ships, which should be an encouragement to others.

#### PACIFIC TRADE.

#### GREAT SHIPPING MERGER.

#### LARGEST IN ORIENT.

The combination of the Robert Dollar and Admiral-Orlando Lines, which became effective on December 4 last in Shanghai, is one of the most powerful and interesting mergers of Oriental shipping interests ever entered into, comments the *Journal of Commerce* (Liverpool).

By the combination this becomes easily the largest concern on the Pacific, since it operates a fleet of 46 passenger and freight vessels, and the Admiral-Dollar interests will thereby have a passenger ship in Shanghai every five days and a freighter every four days, with a similar corresponding service with all the other chief ports of the world.

Seven of what are known as the new "522ft. type of vessels—the "President Garfield," "President Hayes," "President Harrison," "President Monroe," "President Adams," "President Van Buren," and "President Polk"—have previously been successfully employed in the Atlantic service. It is maintained that the outstanding features of the "President" boats are their exceptional strength and safety, while the arrangements of the cabins and the public rooms accommodation has been specially attended to by experts, the passenger accommodation being provided amidships and above the main decks, thus affording better light and air and being subject to the smallest possible amount of motion.

Prior to the amalgamation, the Dollar Line almost exclusively handled freights, the Admiral-Orlando Line largely specialising in passenger services, but also conducting an important and growing freight business. The combination claims that under the new regime the dual services will be carried out as far as possible, throughout the entire Far East under one roof, and that both travellers and business interests will receive far more efficient service, while operation expenses will be greatly reduced by the staffs of the two companies working conjointly as the one centre.

OVER ONE HUNDRED VESSELS.  
The general offices of the Dollar Line will be continued at Shanghai, from whence operation of the entire 46 vessels will be conducted, but in addition the general offices will be affiliated with other Dollar interests on the Pacific Coast, this providing a fleet of over 100 vessels, transporting both passengers and freight to and from practically every port in the world.

Although the personnel of the staffs will at present remain unchanged, the passenger and freight departments (until fresh arrangements have been completed) will be operated separately at Shanghai.

With regard to the Japanese portion of the business, the Admiral Line will act as agents for the Dollar Line at Yokohama in new offices erected since the recent great disaster. At Kobe the Admiral Line offices will serve for the new combine, but a separate office will be conducted by the Robert Dollar Line, specifically for lumber business. Similar conditions will apply at Hongkong, but only one joint office will be in existence at both Manila and Singapore.

Apart from the seven President boats, recently purchased by the Dollar Company, the combine will operate five passenger and twelve freight vessels to Seattle, previously handled by the Admiral Line; five freighters to Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Puget Sound, formerly operated by the Dollar Line; seven round-the-world passenger and freight vessels, and five round-the-world freight carriers, recently under Dollar management. Freighters will be given to New York via Panama, while also seven freighters will trade to the United Kingdom and Continental Europe, previously operated on behalf of the Barber Steamship Company by the Admiral Line.

#### FLOOD DISASTERS.

PARIS, March 31.  
News from Seville says that as a result of torrential rains, the old bridge over the Guadalquivir, upon which was a crowd watching the flood, collapsed under the weight of a crowded mob. Thirty dead and fifty injured have been recovered so far.

There has been enormous damage from floods elsewhere in Spain, roads and railways being blocked.—*Reuter*.

WARSAW, March 31.  
The rising of the Vistula caused catastrophic floods, involving the towns of Cichocinek and Torun, and thirty-eight villages. Thousands of farmers lost all their cattle and implements. Several factories were partly destroyed, and over seventy lives lost.—*Reuter*.

**ROXOR**

#### HOCKEY.

#### SURREY'S LUCKY WIN.

A Club eleven turned out against a Surrey eleven at Sookumpoo yesterday afternoon and were rather unlucky in losing by four goals to two.

The game was fairly fast. The first half was fairly even Charlesworth opening the score for the Surrey's with a good goal. This was followed up with a very lucky one, Bower running out to save the ball from an angular shot just crossing over the line. Powell, with a fine run through, scored for the Club just before half-time.

The second half the Surrey's started off well, Davis getting a fine goal soon after the commencement. This was followed up by another from Charlesworth. After this the Club were all over their opponents, time and again having bad luck in not scoring. Bower scored the only other goal about ten minutes from the end.

—STICKS.

#### COMING MATCHES.

The Hongkong Hockey Club v. An United Services Team.—The following will represent the Club at the U.S.R.C. to-morrow (Wednesday) at 5.15 p.m.—Club colours.

P. W. F. Mills, C. L. R. Becher, A. V. T. Dean, G. H. Piercy, E. J. R. Mitchell, E. L. Sim, R. E. A. Webster, W. Woodward, G. R. More, B. D. Evans (Capt.) and another.

Club Second v. Navy "A".—The following will represent the Club at the Marina Ground, Kowloon, (or the New Ground adjoining the Marina) to-morrow (Wednesday) at 5.15 p.m. Club in colours.

A. Bower, W. H. Edmonds (Capt.), F. Schnepel, the Rev. N. Evans, J. C. Faers, D. Lyon, L. R. Blacking, H. Meacock, S. H. Garrod, T. R. Rowell, F. H. Holdman.

#### TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business of Share and General Brokers heretofore carried on by the undersigned at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong under the style or firm of WRIGHT & HORNBLY will as from the 1st day of April, 1924 be carried on by them under the style or firm of TESTER & ABRAHAM.

The change of name involves no change in the constitution of the firm which will be continued as before.

P. TESTER  
E. ABRAHAM.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1924.

#### ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

1. Captain's Cup will be played from 5th to 7th April.
2. Details of Easter Meeting Competitions are posted in Club Houses.

By Order,  
E. D. MATTHEWS,  
Secretary, R.H.G.C.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1924.

#### "HONGKONG FORFARSHIRE ASSOCIATION."

It has been proposed to form a Hongkong Forfarshire Association. All those interested are requested to meet at No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ground Floor, opposite Star Ferry on Friday, April 11th, at 6 p.m.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1924.

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## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

## H. D. &amp; O. RUMJAHN IN SEMI-FINAL.

By defeating the Lo brothers in the first match on the stand court this season, H. D. & O. Rumjahn have entered the semi-final round of the open doubles championship in which they will meet R. A. and A. H. Rumjahn when it will be a truly family tea party.

A large crowd availed itself of the accommodation and the consensus of opinion was that the better pair won. Some who have followed the tournaments year by year were of the opinion that the Rumjahns had improved considerably since last year and would require a lot of beating. In volleying they showed up to particular advantage yesterday and at no time did they show themselves perturbed.

They took the first two sets without much difficulty. Although the Lo's showed more enterprise than on some previous occasions they could not go on for long and sent a fair number of shots into the net or outside.

Rising to the occasion, the Lo brothers took the third set but the Rumjahns gradually wore out and led by one game to 8-6. At about this stage, Mr. R. Lo touched the back of the net, was playing at the top of his form and won many points. With both pairs given to taking the set, the score went to 10 all. Then the Rumjahns put in an extra hit and took the next two games to win the set and match. The tennis was of a very high and sparkling order throughout.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Open Singles (second round).—D. J. Allfree beat Kwok Po-fun 6-3, 6-3, 10-8, 6-3.

Open Doubles (third round).—H. D. & O. Rumjahn beat M. K. and M. W. Lo 6-3, 6-2, 12-10.

Club Championships.—B. E. Worthington beat A. D. Humphreys 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

Open Doubles.—H. D. and O. Rumjahn beat M. K. and M. W. Lo 6-3, 6-2, 12-10.

Handicap Doubles.—H. D. and O. Rumjahn beat G. A. Moore (4/5) and A. P. and W. R. Cornaby (4/5/6) 6-0, 7-5.

Handicap Singles.—A. G. Se-well (3/4) beat T. Thomas (1/2) 7-6, 6-2.

## TODAY'S MATCHES.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.—F. A. Richmond and Mrs. Mitchell (5/6) v. R. E. Worthington and Miss Grace (3/4); G. R. Moore and Miss Owen Hughes (4/5) v. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark (4/5/6).

Handicap Singles.—C. M. Wilson (4/5/6) v. W. Woodward.

## SHEER GOOD FUN.

## "RAGS TO RICHES" AT THE CORONET.

Take the children to see "Rags to Riches," as the Coronet Theatre management urges, is very sound advice, for it means not only a treat for the youngsters but also a very real pleasure for yourself. One fact alone is ample proof of that. The leading figure in the story is little Wesley Barry, the famous "Freckles" of the screen. The role he finds himself called upon to play is a specially happy one. First he is the wealthy child, fretting under parental restraint; then he is the young scape-grace who has thrown in his lot with a burglar—an amiable burglar, doubtless, but still a burglar; and finally he is the prodigal returning home after many exciting adventures, including a perilous leap from a moving train into a lake to escape a gang of crooks who chase after him to kidnap him for ransom. There is nothing ultra-sensational about "Rags to Riches," nothing morbid or depressing but simply sheer good fun with the barest shade of drama and a timely thrill or two. In short, the sort of thing everyone likes best.

## A MUSICAL EVENT.

## LOCAL COMPOSER'S EFFORT.

The Philharmonic Society has already introduced the work of a local composer (Mr. T. P. M. Bevan), and on Monday next, Hongkong is to have a further opportunity of hearing what a local man has been able to do. This is in the genre of violin music and the composer is Mr. Harry Ore. Professor Gonzalez is to unite with him in playing the former's Sonata for piano and violin and the occasion will be historic, for this will be its first hearing, before it is printed and published and launched on the world. Mr. Ore will play examples of the work of Beethoven, Chopin and Grieg, whilst Mrs. R. Sanger will sing songs by Schubert, Grieg and Puccini. This should prove a memorable concert.

## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## CHINESE GOVERNMENT BONDS.

## STOCK EXCHANGE TREAT.

LONDON, March 31. The Stock Exchange notices the automatic removal of quotations from the official list on May 2 unless the Chinese Government fully resume the service of bonds China 1896 5 per cent. 1898, 4 1/2 per cent. Hu Kiang 1911 5 per cent. —Reuter.

## WAR LOAN STOCK.

LONDON, March 31. The Government is offering the holders of 5 per cent. War Loan an opportunity to convert their holding into a new 4 1/2 per cent. issue redeemable in 1939-44 on terms of £100 new stock for every £100 of old.

It is intended at first to convert up to £200,000,000.

## THE AMSTERDAM LOAN.

LONDON, March 31. In the City Amsterdam loan dealings commenced around half per cent discount.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 11, as usual, the following should be noted:—

Hongkong Stock Exchange.—Ropes ex rights ex bonus 2 1/4 nominal, rights 3 1/2 prem. buy. Bonus shares 2 1/4 nominal.

Hongkong Developments \$1.20 buyers.

China Buses 10 1/4 buyers.

## NAM PAK HONG MARKET.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Javan sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$13.03, No. 21 fine white \$14.60, No. 18 rough brown \$12.80, Java brown \$12.50.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white \$8.90, No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.80.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—White Greens \$2.00, Nutmeg Orange \$2.65, Sperry's XXX \$3.48, Kingfisher \$2.82, Maize \$2.52, Big Gun \$2.75, Globes \$2.50, Old Mill \$2.50, Reindeer \$2.55, Melon \$2.55, White Rose \$2.50, C. & C. \$2.65, Dayton \$2.67, Bannan \$2.50, Kwian Tuo \$2.48.

## DOMINION RUBBER CO.

The N. C. D. Neve has been advised by Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, secretaries & general managers of the Dominion Rubber Co., Ltd., that the profit for the year ended December 31, 1923 amounted to Tls. 38,792.36 and after deducting the amount of Tls. 13,812.53 brought forward from last year's account, there remains a balance of Tls. 24,979.83 at credit of Profit & Loss Account.

At a meeting of Directors held recently, it was decided to recommend to the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on Tuesday, April 15, 1924, the following appropriation:—

To pay a Dividend of Tls. 0.10 per share (10 per cent.) 16,667.00

To write off buildings and furniture 1,520.35

To write off bullocks and carts 14.12

To write off rubber factory 1.00

To write off plant and machinery 1.00

To write off wells and water 1.00

To pay bonus to Estate managers 1,000.00

To carry forward to next year's account 2,775.36

Tls. 21,979.83

## HANKOW TRADE.

The Hankow Chamber of Commerce, Hankow, in their trade circular of March 19, report as follows:—

Export.—Business during the week has again been very quiet and signs that would point to an improvement in the near future are still conspicuous by their absence. There has been some business passing in wood oil in small lots to Europe, whilst the American market is still very uncertain. Prices in China are rather weaker but still considerably above Home markets.

Business in tallow, sesamum seed and gallnuts is still impracticable on account of the high prices asked by the Chinese.

Piece Goods.—Market quiet with a small demand for stocks. A certain amount of inquiry for forward delivery has been dealt with and some business has resulted. Clearances are better.

Yarn.—The market is firm and prices show an upward tendency. Clearances fair.

## ANALYSIS OF EXPORTS.

In the analysis of exports the principal figures given are as follows: To Shanghai—967 piculs cow hides, 6,500 piculs untanned goat-skins, 875 piculs China grass, 2,273 piculs vegetable tallow, 21,287 piculs raw cotton, 3,818 piculs sea-

mum seed, 8,002 piculs beans, 4,007 piculs wood oil, 840 piculs antimony regulus, 7 to other ports in China—2,068 piculs China grass, 668 piculs shelled groundnuts, 4,023 piculs wood oil, 755 piculs black tea; to United Kingdom—1,673 piculs vegetable tallow, 1,326 piculs wood oil, 718 piculs crude antimony, 1,080 piculs antimony regulus; to America—15,275 piculs untanned goat-skins, 8,174 piculs wood oil; to Belgium—419 piculs vegetable tallow; to Germany—1,396 piculs cow hides, 1,241 piculs wood oil; to Italy—584 piculs vegetable tallow; to Japan—1,495 piculs cow hides, 1,811 piculs China grass, 1,492 piculs raw cotton, 2,496 piculs beans.

## CHINA COTTON.

An interesting report on the China cotton crop of 1923 is contained in the *Chinese Economic Bulletin*. It mentions that according to an estimate made by the Cotton Planters' Association of Hainan, Fukien and Nantungchow in Kiangsu province, the total cotton crops of this part of the country last year showed a shrinkage of about 23 per cent, as compared with the crops of 1922. The reduction was mainly due to a widespread though superficial belief by the Chékang and Kiangsu farmers, who at the beginning of the year predicted floods for the year. They were hence reluctant to plant cotton. The acreage devoted to cotton growing in Kiangsu province last year was less than in 1922, with the result that Kiangsu's cotton crop was only 125 per cent. of that of the preceding year. In Chékang the crop was excellent but the same fear of floods held the farmers.

The yields per mu were about 60 per cent. more than those of the previous year but the acreage was much less. Chékang's produce last year increased by only 30 per cent. over that of 1922 in spite of the excellent yields.

## DROUGHT AND FROST.

In Hupeh province the acreage devoted to cotton cultivation was almost the same as in 1922 but the crops were 20 or 30 per cent. below those in 1922. It was mainly due to droughts in the summer months. Chihli's crop was only 70 per cent. of that of the preceding year owing to early frost. The crop in Shensi province was unsatisfactory in both quality and quantity, receding, of poppy cultivation being partly responsible. It is said that poppy cultivation changes the nature of the soil to such an extent that when ground recently devoted to poppy growing is planted in cotton, the cotton yield is poor.

Shensi cotton was formerly regarded as among the best in China; but last year the average quality of that raised in the province was considered inferior to the Nantungchow product. The quantity decreased between 20 and 30 per cent. as compared with the previous year's yield. The crop in Honan province was unsatisfactory due to previous poppy cultivation and unfavourable climatic conditions. Rain and hail storms did considerable damage to the cotton crops in Shantung province, where the yield showed a falling off. The crop in Kiangsi province was reported good. Shansi and Anhui provinces produce some cotton, but figures as to their yield are not yet obtainable.

## CROP STATISTICS.

The 1922 yield for all China was 8,210,355 piculs of raw cotton, according to figures issued by the Chinese Cotton Millowners' Association. Assuming the yield of 1923 to be 77 per cent. of that of the preceding year, 1923 crop was in the neighbourhood of 6,400,000 piculs. Kiangsu, Chihli and Hunan provinces were chiefly responsible for the decrease. The crops of these three provinces last year showed a decrease of about 1,700,000 piculs.

Cotton crops as estimated for the last six years are for 1918, 10,965,530 piculs; 1919, 9,310,390 piculs; 1920, 6,150,403 piculs; 1921, 5,438,220 piculs; 1922, 8,310,155 piculs; 1923, 6,400,000 piculs. This is an average yearly crop of a little under 8,000,000 piculs.

The foregoing figures, with the exception of those for 1918, which are taken from the *Far Eastern Times*, Peking, are estimates made by the Chinese Cotton Millowners' Association.

It is estimated that about 73 per cent. of the yearly crop, or approximately 3,000,000 piculs, of raw cotton is consumed locally for wadding, quilting, etc., leaving about 5,000,000 piculs for the 38 mills in the country, which have a total of over 2,800,000 spindles. Each spindle is estimated to require two and a half or three piculs of raw cotton a year. Grinding that only 2,200,000 piculs are working to their full capacity, the Chinese cotton mills require a yearly supply of 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 piculs of raw cotton.

Eight hundred engineers and fitters on strike at Southampton against lower night shift rates are returning to work, employers agreeing to meet the men's representatives at an early date to consider the matters in dispute.

## LLOYD GEORGE "JUDGED."

## SCATHING VIEW OF PROFESSOR MORGAN.

A scathing judgment of Mr. Lloyd George is implied by the writer who reviews Lord Morley's career in the *Quarterly Review*. Professor J. H. Morgan, the writer, comments that Lord Morley was intensely and shrewdly critical of his colleagues except Lord Haldane and Mr. Birkbeck. The Sunday after the declaration of war he said of Mr. Asquith "Mark my words, he is not the pilot to weather this storm." Of Mr. Lloyd George he said at the same time, "This war ends the race between him and Winston; his heart is not in this business—he is a man of peace. But Winston! there'll be a great naval victory in the North Sea and he'll go down to history as the Chatham of his age." Lord Morley spoke of course at the moment when Mr. Lloyd George's recession from the Cabinet on the issue of the ultimatum to Germany had been almost an accomplished fact.

On other occasions Lord Morley said of Mr. Lloyd George, "I think much of him—I mean I think much about him." In the early part of 1918, when the conversation turned upon the then Prime Minister's principles, Lord Morley said "Principles! Do you talk to me of his principles? What are they? But he is not dishonest, he's only tricky. Some shabbiness perhaps." A couple of years later he had revised his estimate and thought Mr. Lloyd George "might yet emerge with the reputation of Burke."

But when the Lloyd George Government fell, Lord Morley had apparently arrived at some very definite conclusions about the head of it. On October 20, 1922 a few days after that event, three of us were Lord Morley's guests at Wimbledon; the other two were Mr. G. P. Gooch, the historian, and Mr. Guy. Morley. Asked what he thought about the downfall of the Government, Lord Morley said "I feel inclined to open a bottle of champagne." Then you've revised your estimate of Mr. Lloyd George? one of us asked. He paused in reply, and then, turning slowly round and looking his interlocutor full in the face, as was his wont in moments of emphasis, he delivered himself of such a devastating judgment that nothing will induce me to repeat it.

SOMETHING DIABOLICAL. Upon one occasion he said: "Ireland and Russia are the two most 'Christian' countries in Europe. To-day they are the most disgraced by violence and outrage. What do you make of that?" At the time of the Irish settlement he assented the view that the Irish were "a people who could not live without a grievance," adding: "But we and the Church have made them so. There is something wayward, diabolical in them."

When Lord Morley became Lord President of the Council, and was asked by Mr. Thomas Hardy, at a luncheon party in Downing Street, what books he had been reading lately, he was met with the lofty reply, "I never read anything." At that moment Lord Morley, the politician, had John Morley, the man of letters, under strict lock and key. He was keeping up the appearances of a man of action. Mr. Hardy's gently ironic comment is too good to be lost—He seemed to draw an invisible ermine about him as though he were a sporting peer who never read anything but the "Pink" Un.

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concerning which he writes:—I confess I have not seen the originals of the documents which I am about to quote, and therefore cannot actually guarantee that they exist, but having had many years' experience of journalistic trials I can only say that, if they don't exist, they ought to: Mr. T.—to the Editor *Cornfield Times*.

Sir,—May I point out an error in the report of the wedding of Mr. Albert Wimple in your last issue? The present given by Mrs. T.—and myself was a bound copy of "Prometheus Unbound."—Yours, etc., J. A. T.—

From the *Cornfield Times*.

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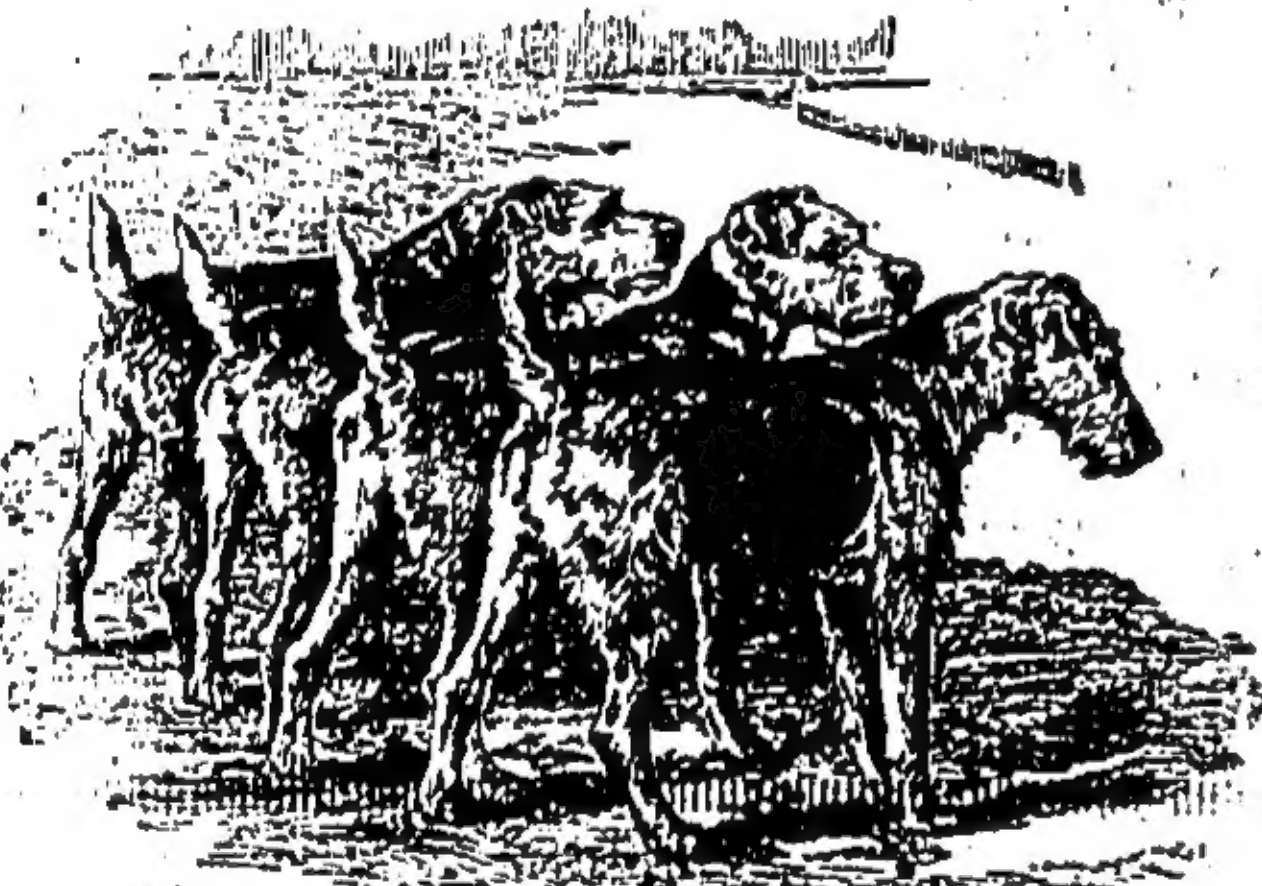
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and the trip is part of his edu-  
cational programme. The Crown  
Prince is a nephew of King  
George, and is a handsome,  
athletic young fellow.



Mr. Frederick H. Gillett, has  
been re-elected as Speaker of  
the House of Representatives  
after a hot fight by the Insur-  
gent Republicans, who demand-  
ing a change in the rules govern-  
ing the conduct of affairs in the  
House.



Isaura Gabaldon, Philippine  
Commissioner to the United  
States, whose name has cropped  
up frequently in the indepen-  
dence campaign.



Photo by Central News. Home Life of British Cabinet Ministers and their Wives and Families.—Mr. Ben Spoor, the Chief Whip, with Mrs. Spoor and their son.



Mr. J. P. Morgan, well known  
American financier, who has  
given a library to the public,  
as a memorial to his father, the  
late John Pierpont Morgan.  
The library is said to have a  
total valuation, including  
grounds, of \$8,500,000 and is  
accompanied by a maintenance  
fund of \$1,500,000.



The Imperial Prince Takamatsu, third son of the Em-  
peror of Japan, is to make a  
visit abroad in the near future.  
He graduates from the Naval  
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